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2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

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4. With regard to the title,

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC 7 A23G9/28 A23G9/04
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC 7 A23G

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